

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

October 20th, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 20

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

October 15th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$514.47

General Mission: \$1,000

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$823.00

Vanco General: \$

Trunk or Treat: \$500.00

Food Pantry: \$100

Building Fund: \$20.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 27

Martin UMC:

Worship: 41

October 8, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$584.47

Building Fund: \$

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,827.00

Vanco General: \$

Food Pantry: \$150.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 27

Martin UMC:

Worship: 29

A Note from Chase Van Haun

First of all, I'd just like to say thank you! Going to Son Life Camp for the past 6 years wouldn't have been possible without the church camp scholarship program. Camp has changed so many things for me, and I've also seen it change others.

Back in 6th grade, I went through a very rough time. I struggled with friends, girls, emotions, peer pressure, etc. But most of all I didn't sense God in my life. Son Life brought me through that.

At first I didn't know anyone at camp and I was awkward and would stand in the back during worship. About a year after I started going, I met my best friend there, Noah King, and we are still best friends to this day. Over time I started moving closer to the front during worship, then singing loud, then screaming as loud as I can and leading the motions. Noah was a lot like me and went through similar struggles but we both found Jesus in ourselves and then in each other.

I have been able to help change others' faiths and open their eyes to Jesus. I feel that I went from being broken, to helping fix the broken through Christ.

Camp is a great place with so many loving people who are willing to help you with anything. They have amazing food, fun games, swimming, a different theme from the bible to focus on each time we go, prayer walks, one on one counselor time, and so much more.

Thank you again for making this opportunity a possibility for me!

Love, Chase VanHaun

Dear Church Family,

I am so very excited about Advent! I am hoping that all of you are looking forward to it as well. I would love to see some groups come together during this time!

Advent study The Journey and will be a wonderful study!

We are excited to be putting together Christmas programs for the 17th of December.

I am planning a Pajama Candlelight Christmas Eve! We are going to focus on families and children! We are going to invite people to wear their holiday pajamas and let them know that they are welcome to come in before the service and stay after the service to take their families picture by the Christmas tree in the Martin sanctuary.

Why? Because it will be fun! What a great way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

I also think it will build some anticipation for Christmas morning...and just think...you can go home and hop in bed and be already for Christmas morning!

I AM SO EXCITED TO BE CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST! I hope that you will celebrate with me!

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

The Connection -
Next issue
Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
November 1st, 2023.

Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

*All Saints Sunday will be observed on October 29, 2023.
Pastor Chris Lane will be preaching.
We will be lighting candles in honor of our loved ones.*

*Office Hours:
Closed Monday, Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

Did you know that you can give thru our website? Go to martinumc.org or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information.

Knit, Pray & Crochet

Thursday, November 2nd and November 16 and November 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for fellowship, and to knit, crochet, & pray. Want to learn? Come and learn how to make a prayer shawl or lap blanket. We are also working on scarfs, hats and mittens for winter.

**Food Pantry
Month of October
Canned Meat**

***Martin Sunday School*
*Sunday School for all
ages immediately
following fellowship
each Sunday!***

**Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Youth Group**

UPCOMING DATES:

October 29, 2023

November 5, 2023

November 19, 2023

**6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN
UMC**

Prayer Concerns:

Email martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com to update or to add!

Updated October 20, 2023

- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Youth Ministries
- Emma - Leukemia
- Renate Monata - Health
- Naomi Martin - health
- Sandy VanWormer - Cancer Diagnosis
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Larry Mattox - Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Ronda Kelly pray for healing
- Jimmy Fugate - Car Accident
- Children being hurt during custody battle
- Thurlan Meredith - Health
- Doris Hawkey - Heart issues
- Don & Nan Darrow – Mobility issues
- Dan Lawrence – Cancer treatment
- Willard Campbell – Health
- Kim – Cancer diagnosis
- Elvin Vanderploeg – Hospice Care
- Henderson Mission Trip
- The family of Jane Perry, Jane passed away recently
- Don Cleveland – health
- Marilee Swanson – knee replacement
- Resolution in Israel
- Tom Kelsey – Health
- Elaine Tandy – Hospital
- Family of Alvin VanderPloeg – Alvin passed away recently
- Deb Rambadt – Surgery
- Patti Jarvis – Health/Cancer Diagnosis
- Jason Sherry - Health

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for October
Canned Meat

- October 25th - Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - October 26th - The Chosen & Popcorn - Season 3 at Martin 9:00 a.m.
 - October 29th - All Saints Sunday
 - October 29th - Youth Group Martin 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - October 31 - Trunk or Treat - Martin
 - November 1st - Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - November 2nd - The Chosen & Popcorn - Season 3 at Martin 9:00 a.m.
 - November 2nd - Knit, Pray & Crochet Martin - 10:30 a.m.
 - November 5th - Daylight Savings
 - November 5th - Holy Communion
 - November 8th - Women in Faith - Shelbyville 10:00 a.m./Potluck
 - December 13th - Charge Conference - 8:00 p.m. - Martin Fellowship Hall
- Food Pantry Items for November
Paper Products

2023 Charge Conference: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- SPRC meets with DS at 7:30 p.m. at Martin
- MUMC & SUMC Charge Conference 8:00 p.m. at Martin

Book Club 2024

January Book: The Shack by William P. Young (meets January 27th, 2024)

February Book: Room of Marvels by James Bryan Smith (meets February 24, 2024)

March Book: The Reason for God by Timothy Keller (meets March 2, 2024)

All are welcome!



Path Walk Results

Total raised by all walkers

Total for Shelbyville/Martin Walkers \$1998.00

\$999.00 comes back to the Martin/Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry!

21 walkers and 3 puppies

Thank you to all who were involved!
You are awesome!!

Thank you Deb Boniface for coordinating!

We need candy donations for Trunk or Treat!

- Please consider donating bags of candy!
- Would you like to be a sponsor for Trunk or Treat? Please see Pastor Maggie if you or your business would like to sponsor this event!

Winter Wear

The Missions Committee will be collecting winter wear that will be available for those in need through the food pantry. There is a box in fellowship hall where you may place your like new, clean winter wear...coats, boots, stocking caps, gloves, any size. If you have any questions, please see Pat Hoekstra.

SOUP - TOBER!

YOU CAN DONATE ON-LINE

Through October 31st, the Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative (ACFPC) is running the annual October soup drive. Our goal as a county is to collect 10,000 cans of soup – this enables participating members of the ACFPC to provide soup and other pantry needs for individuals and families during the cold winter months.

All monetary donations received during the month of October will be used to bulk purchase soup to distribute to participating ACFPC members. This means we can stretch your dollars and your impact on Allegan County neighbors in need! A donation of \$10 can buy 6 cans of soup for families in need.

Drop off sites include Martin and Shelbyville UMC, Clipper Café, Clipper Daycare, JC Wheeler Library.

SOUP-TOBER

OCTOBER 1 - 31

This Soup-Tober, let's make winter nights warmer for families in need. A nice hot bowl of hearty soup on a cold winter night is a pleasure that should be enjoyed by all. All monetary donations received during the month of October will be utilized to bulk purchase soup to distribute to participating ACFPC members. This means we can stretch your dollars and your impact on Allegan County neighbors in need!



Allegan County
Community
Foundation

Allegan County
Food
Pantry
Collaborative

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

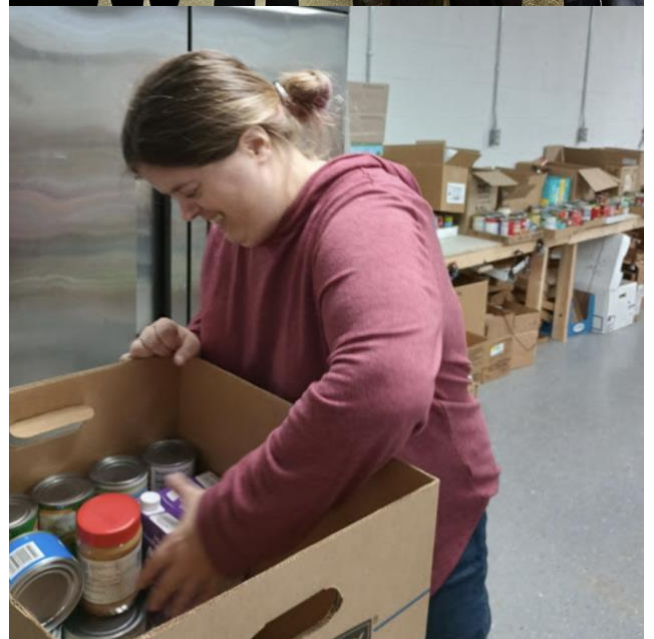
I am so grateful for these women! I am grateful for all they do for our churches and their willingness to help others.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to love and serve others just as He did. When we work on a mission project, we are living out His teachings and being His hands and feet in the world. It's a way for us to make a positive impact and bring hope to those who need it.

When we serve others, it brings joy and hope to their lives. It shows them that they are not alone and that someone cares for them. It can also inspire others to join in and make a difference in their own communities.

Working on a mission project is not just a one-time thing. It's a lifelong commitment to serving others and being a light in the world. It's about living out our faith every day and being intentional in our actions.

Ladies, thank you, thank you, thank you!



Fall Clean-up Martin UMC

Indoor and Outdoor clean-up

November 11, 2023

8:00 a.m. Start!

It's time for some deep cleaning! Can you help? We would appreciate the extra hands.

Christmas Eve

Join us for our candlelit Christmas Eve service, Sunday, December 24th at 7:00pm.

Wear your Christmas pajamas!

Yes, you can wear your pajamas. Families, please feel free to come before or stay a few minutes after to get pictures of your family in your Christmas pajamas in front of our Christmas Tree!

All are welcome!

(Pajamas are not required, come how you are comfortable! Just join us!)

Son Life Camp

Fall Clean up- November 3 and November 4. If you can help them prepare for winter please contact Kate at office@son-lifecamp.org

Advent Study

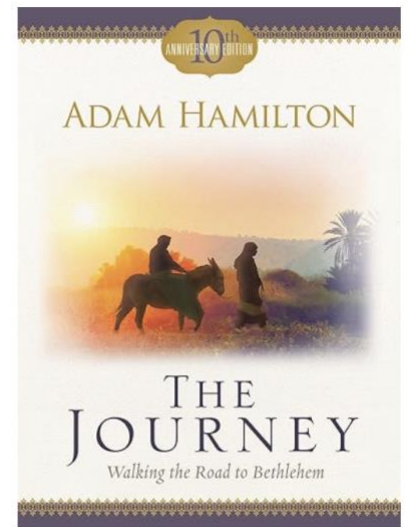
The Journey to Bethlehem

Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. or Thursday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at MUMC Fellowship Hall in person. Zoom will be available for the evening class

- November 16th
- November 30th
- December 7th
- December 14th
- December 21st

Please let Crystal know by calling or emailing the office if you would like to be part of this study.

Books are available for \$12.00 each.



Trunk or Treat is a great way for us to interact with our community!

Trunk or Treat will be coordinated by Lou Phelps this year. Please contact Lou to sign up or sign up thru the church office.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The Martin & Shelbyville United Methodist Churches

The Rock @ 5 O'Clock – 5 pm Saturdays • **Martin** – 9:30 am Sundays
969 E. Allegan, Martin, MI 49070 • (269) 672-7097 • martinumc@sbcglobal.net

Shelbyville – 11 am Sundays
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville, MI 49344

October 17, 2023

Dear Church Family,

The roof of the Shelbyville United Methodist Church has needed repair for a few years now and finally we have gotten to the point that having the roof replaced is the best option.

The metal materials and the wood shakes underneath will be removed, OSB and felt will be placed and new metal installed. This is no small task and we have chosen a bid from Miller Brothers Roofing and Construction LLC of Hastings.

The total quote is \$54,900.00

Currently the Building Fund has \$24,911.89

The General Fund is a designated roof amount of \$1,921.00

This is a total of \$26,832.89

Leaving a deficit of \$28,067.11

At the October 8 special administrative meeting it was thought that the replacement wouldn't take place until next spring, but it's possible it could be earlier.

Either way we need to acquire the rest of the funds.

We ask that all prayerfully consider how you may help. Perhaps it will be an extra weekly or monthly giving. Perhaps it will be a one time lump sum.

As a church we have always worked so well together to keep our building in great shape. Our trustees do an amazing job making sure that building maintenance is done in a timely manner and done in the most cost effective way possible.

Again, please prayerfully consider how you can help with the roof replacement.

Blessings,

Pastor Maggie Stokke

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